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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 19, 1996.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Department Clearance Officer, USDA, PACC-IRM, Ag Box 7630, Washington, DC 20250-7630. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act)—Delinquent Account Servicing and Inventory Property Management (7 CFR parts 1955 and 1956).

Summary: The Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act eliminates the leaseback/buyback program. Information is collected for debt settlement and debt forgiveness.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used for program decisions regarding delinquent Farm Credit borrowers.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 5,368.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,835.

Emergency processing of this submission has been requested by July 23, 1996.

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Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Forest Service

Clarke Mountain E.I.S.; Clearwater National Forest, Clearwater County, ID

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to disclose the environmental effects of a proposed timber harvest in the Clarke Mountain area. There will be some newly constructed roads to access some of the timber stands. The proposal also includes fishery and wildlife improvement projects such as reconstructing several roads, abandoning and/or obliterating several miles of roads, restricting access on other roads, as well as improving recreation facilities. An Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) loop trail system will also be proposed that is approximately 33 miles long, utilizing several existing roads and trails.

The area is located on the Pierce District of the Clearwater National Forest, Townships 37 and 38 North, Range 7 East, Boise Meridian.

The purpose of the proposal and subsequent effects analysis is to meet the intent of the Clearwater Forest Plan, using an ecosystem management approach for management areas included in the 12,700 acre treatment area. There are five management areas (MA) within the analysis area. MA-E1 emphasizes growth and yield of timber, MA-M2 emphasizes protection of riparian resources, MA-C4 emphasizes big-game winter range along with timber production, MA-C3 emphasizes management of big-game winter range in areas unsuitable for timber production, and MA-US are unsuitable areas for timber or big game habitat.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing September 9, 1996 to receive timely consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS. The draft EIS will be

filed with the Environmental Protection Agency in November 1996. The final EIS and Record of Decision is expected to be issued in February 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Douglas Gober, District Ranger, Pierce Ranger District, Route 2, Box 191, Kamiah, ID 83536.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Palmer, EIS Project Team Leader, (208) 935-2513.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The responsible official for decisions regarding this analysis is James L. Caswell, Clearwater National Forest Supervisor. He will select the preferred alternative based upon the analysis. His address is 12730 Highway 12, Orofino, ID 83544.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal includes timber harvest of varying intensities from precommercial thinnings to clear cuts with reserve trees. Harvest would amount to about 19 million board feet of timber from about 1200 acres, and approximately 5 miles of road would be built and about 15 miles reconstructed. Site-specific riparian buffers will be developed for each cutting unit and will meet intent of the Inland Fish Strategy (INFISH).

Because instream conditions are not meeting desired conditions for cobble embeddedness, erosion sources in the watershed would be corrected, including stabilizing and/or closing roads that are no longer needed and reconstructing roads needed for a long term transportation plan. Live stream crossings would be minimized on any new road construction.

Approximately 6500 of the 12,700 acre treatment area was acquired by the Forest Service between 1987 and 1992 in land exchanges with a private company. The majority of this acquired land had been heavily roaded and harvested before the Forest Service acquired it.

Functioning old growth areas will be analyzed and designated and future old growth areas would be planned for and will be on landtypes and in areas that historically had the best chance of maintaining old growth on them. Three of these future areas within the Clarke Mountain treatment area were identified in the Fuzzy Bighorn Environmental Assessment, but all these areas are several decades away from functioning as old growth. Presently, the Forest Service would manage biological corridors, and designate five percent or